

U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters Concert Features Bill Edwards

by Kyla Hanington

Over three million viewers have watched the U.S. Navy Band's official chorus, the Sea Chanters, featuring Greenbelter Bill Edwards, perform selections from Jersey Boys on YouTube. Greenbelters have the opportunity to see these lively artists at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) on Thursday, September 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., an early lead-in to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The 39-year-old Edwards last took the stage at ERHS 22 years ago when he was a student there. He is excited to return. "Drama and musical theater at Roosevelt was a tremendous opportunity for me. I loved it." Performing with the Sea Chanters at ERHS, he said, "is a fantastic way to bring the community together, celebrate America, give back to the community and represent the military, and it's going to be a great honor to be able to do that in my hometown."

While he grew up in Bowie, Edwards spent a large part of his childhood in Greenbelt. His grandparents lived here, he attended Camp Pine Tree and his father had a law practice in Roosevelt Center. Edwards' aunt and uncle live in Greenbelt, and Edwards went to high school at ERHS. A resident of Greenbelt



PHOTO BY U.S. NAVY (CHIEF MUSICIAN MELISSA BISHOP/RELEASED)
Musician 1st Class Bill Edwards sings with the United States Navy Band Sea Chanters chorus during a concert at Edinboro (Pa) University earlier this year.

now for the last 10 years himself, Edwards continues to be a presence in the community. He has sung the national anthem at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival previously and will again this year and he performed with the Peacherine Ragtime Society Orchestra at the Old Greenbelt Theatre's Anniversary Gala earlier this year.

According to Edwards, when he was in fourth grade his mom signed him up for the Maryland Boychoir because "I was always singing around the house

as a kid and my mom had seen an article in the paper" about the Boychoir. The choir gave him the opportunity to "sing not only in a choir, but also to do solos, to just learn how to sing. And my first professional gig sort of came from all the experience I got through them." When he was in sixth grade, the Prince George's Civic Opera was mounting a performance of Amahl and the Night Visitors and needed two boy sopranos for the title role and Edwards was one of the chosen.

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Miss Greenbelt

The 2016 Miss Greenbelt Pageant schedule has been announced. Twenty-four contestants will be vying for the titles of 2016 Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelts. Events for this year's pageant will be held at the Greenbelt Fire Department. Opening Night, with a theme of Dances from Around the World, will be Friday, September 2 at 7:45 pm. Doors will open at 7:15 pm. Crowning Night and Evening Gown will be Sunday, September 4 at 4 p.m. Doors will open at 3:30 pm. Look for the contestants and new queens in the 2016 Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 5.

Maria's Beauty Salon Celebrates 40 Years

by Sue Krofchik

The storyline in the movie Field of Dreams was "build it (a baseball diamond) and he will come." Well, Maria Wyman built her dream of a beauty shop and many came. They came and came, 10 years, 25, 30, and they still come. July 2016 marked the 40th anniversary of continuous operation of Maria's Beauty Salon, still anchoring the same corner at 141 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. She built her business one customer at a time. Some coming since day one. Others newer. All are welcome, even men. They come from far and near. As far north as Hagerstown, as far south as La Plata and Solomon's Island



PHOTO BY SUE KROFCHIK
Jenny assists her mother Maria preparing Eleanor Hipsley for a permanent.

and as far east as Cecil County. Lanham, Bowie, College Park and Silver Spring also make the list. Two come from North Carolina every two or three months. What keeps them coming? Probably Maria's warmth and the atmosphere she created, bolstered by her staff of four: Debbie, Donna, Mimi and Jenny.

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What Goes On

Saturday, August 27

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Behind Municipal Building (See city ad for details.)

10 a.m. to noon, Forest Preserve Stream Clean-up, Northway (extended)

Sunday, August 28

2 to 3 p.m., Children and Animals Safety Workshop, Community Center

Monday, August 29

8 p.m., Council Worksession with WSSC, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, August 30

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 31

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Proposed Revision to Recognition/Contribution Group Policy, Community Center



Labor Day Festival: Fun Filled Friday and Saturday

Summer is just about over and that means the Labor Day Festival is around the corner.

Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival kicks off Friday, September 2 with a full schedule of activities including the 6 p.m. opening of the Carnival Midway and food and game booths, and the Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. The 2016 Outstanding Citizen will be announced at the Opening Ceremonies, followed by a high-energy musical celebration of Elvis Presley by Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior from 8 to 11 p.m.

Following the Opening Ceremonies, the public is invited to attend a reception to honor the Outstanding Citizen at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at the Municipal Building.

Entries for the Art Show and the Photo Show will be accepted in the Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday. Table tennis also will be showcased from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday in a tournament at the Youth Center with trophies going to winners in singles and doubles competition. Register for the tournament from 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturday Events

On Saturday morning, September 3 wear comfy shoes and be ready to move. The Children's Pet Show starts out the day from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the Community Center lawn. The Greenbelt Museum will hold a walking tour leaving from the Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent

Road.

Information Day and Community Exhibits will be displayed Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Anyone working up an appetite on Saturday can visit the food and other booths from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. The midway rides will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

From noon to 1:30 the Community Drum Circle, led by Katy Gaughan, will take the stage. Gaughan led the circle at Greenbelt's 4th of July celebration. Cool off with family friendly cartoons from 1 to 5 p.m. shown in the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The art show and photo show will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. and are also in cool climates.

Roller skaters, both beginners and advanced, can take a turn around the Youth Center rink . . . er gym, from 2 to 4 p.m. Skates are provided for free or you can bring your own.

At 4 and 6 p.m. there will be a memorial gathering in the grassy area behind the Mother and Child statue.

Meanwhile the stage will feature Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes (from 2 to 4:30 p.m.), Patty Reese (from 5 to 7:30 p.m.) and The Original Moonlighters (from 8 to 11 p.m.).

For the full schedule of Labor Day festivities, including the shuttle bus information, see the insert in this issue of the News Review.

First Day of School



PHOTO BY MELINDA BRADY
A crossing guard greets students at Greenbelt Middle School on Tuesday, their first day back at school.

Letters to the Editor

Volunteer Grant Writers Sought

Greenbelt is home to many 501(c)(3)s who need your rare expertise. The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is organizing a consortium of grant writers willing to contribute their talents to a variety of Greenbelt nonprofits. Consider earning Time Bank hours. Contact aileen@dynamic-governance.org.
John Buck and Aileen Kroll
Executive Directors

Drive Safely Near Schools

As children return to school, I thought it would be appropriate to remind drivers to proceed with extra caution around schools and in neighborhoods, particularly before and after school. According to a 2013 report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more school-age

pedestrians were killed from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 3 to 4 p.m. than any other hours of the day.
What is the law regarding school buses in Maryland? Maryland law requires motorists to stop 20 feet from the rear or front of a bus when the stop arm is out and lights are flashing. In addition, if a bus has stopped for passengers on a two-lane road, a two-lane road with a turning lane or four-lane roads without a median, all traffic has to stop in both directions. The only exception to this rule is if there is a divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation. Then only traffic behind the bus must stop.
Possible consequences for speeding near schools, failing to stop for buses or passing buses can result in tickets and fines due to hidden cameras. Let's all make a conscious effort to drive safely and look out for students.
Kathryn Beard

Still a Little Time To Join the Parade

by Jim Tilton

The 2016 Greenbelt Labor Day Parade will take place on Monday, September 5, from 10 a.m. to noon.
The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps will be a featured participant in this year's parade. Joined by the U.S. Army Color Guard, the 12-soldier unit includes four fifes, four bugles, two snare drums and one bass drum. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Participants are asked to line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m.
All parade participants must pre-register no later than August 26 by emailing a completed parade application, obtainable from greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants, to the email address GreenbeltLabor-DayParade@verizon.net.

City Notes

Public Works staff continued inspections of the forebay project, held a pre-construction meeting for the dam project, identified possible locations for No Smoking signage at Roosevelt Center and installed a new Greenbelt Rotary Butterfly Garden sign at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Children and Animals Safety Workshop

Well-Wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) will hold a free Children and Animals Safety Workshop on Sunday, August 28 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Volunteers and professional dog trainers will teach children ages 5 to 10 and parents about dogs and cats, with particular emphasis on identifying an animal's stress signals, how to approach unfamiliar animals, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog off leash and how to supervise and monitor children and dogs to avoid dog bites.
The workshop is made possible by the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and in partnership with Your Dog's Friend (a non-profit organization with the mission of keeping dogs out of shelters by offering workshops and training) and the City of Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Register your children by sending an email to wagsgbas@gmail.com or calling 301-312-9603. Specify the number of children and adults attending and the ages of the children. The next workshop will be on Sunday, October 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.



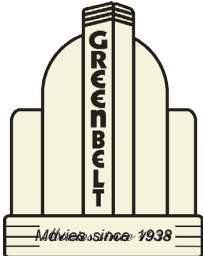
Correction

The Our Neighbors column of last week incorrectly identified Ann Potter's father who recently died. It should have read Orlando B. Potter.
In our August 18 issue, we incorrectly spelled the name of city retirees Theresa and Karl Skaggs. The newspaper feels it is important the Skaggs family have a properly-constituted record of the retirement celebration so the article has been reprinted in its entirety in this issue.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext 4215.
All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of August 29 are as follows:

Monday, August 29: Swedish meatballs, whole grain penne pasta, hot spiced fruit, broccoli, wheat bread, apple juice.
Tuesday, August 30: Apple glazed pork, mashed spiced yams, green beans, oatmeal bread, pineapple tidbits, cranberry juice.
Wednesday, August 31: Country fried steak with country gravy, whipped potatoes, sliced carrots, wheat roll, tropical fruit, orange juice.



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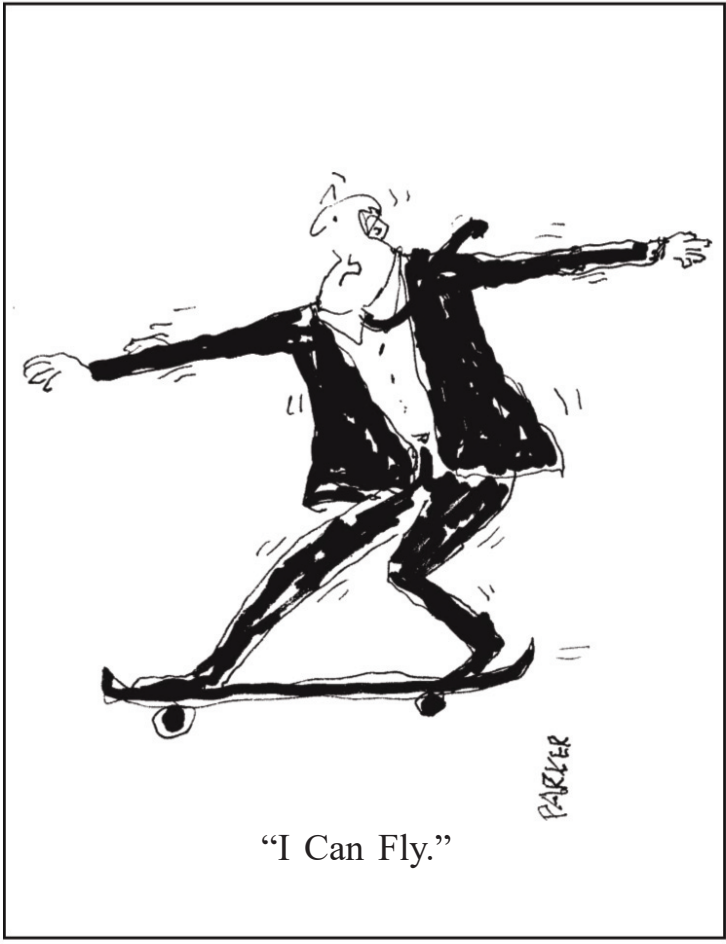
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Mon. & Tues. 5:30, 8:00 PM
Wed. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00 PM
Thurs. 5:30, 8:00 PM

Cult Classics:
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW
Fri. 11:00 PM

Stage on Screen:
RICHARD III
Sun. 8:00 PM
Mon. 1:00 PM

The Old Curmudgeon



The original Izzy Parker cartoon appeared February 6, 2003. The new caption was suggested by Caitlin (no last name) at the News Review caption cartoon contest on July 10.



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Community Events

Golden Age Club
by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club is pleased to report that we have several new members. Guests are always welcome. Come to the Community Center on Wednesdays and enjoy the company and fellowship.

The new Recreation Activity Guide for the fall is out. Pick one up and read about upcoming trips and activities.
We will be going to the Rainbow Playhouse in September and apple picking in October among many other fun happenings.
On August 31, there will be a tea. Members will bring teas and goodies and their special mug or china cup. Magazines and books will be exchanged.
Reminder #1: Schools are open; be alert for kids and stop for school buses.
Reminder #2: Focus on today; yesterday has passed.

ABA Expansion Team Will Play at ERHS
The American Basketball Association (ABA) expansion team PG Valor will be playing its home games this season on Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS).
Player tryouts will be on Friday, August 26. The spirit squad and dance team tryouts will be on Friday, September 9. Both tryouts will be held at New 24 Fitness and Basketball (the former Run and Shoot gym) in Forestville from 6 to 9 p.m.

Team owner LaDonna M. Smith used to live in the Springhill Lake and Greenbriar condominiums and attended ERHS. One of her first jobs was at Beltway Plaza (which she still frequents and continues to interact with business owners), so having the team in Greenbelt was a priority.
PG Valor will compete in the ABA from November through May against other teams in the Chesapeake Division including teams from New York, D.C., Baltimore, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with hopes of continuing to the championship game to be held next summer.



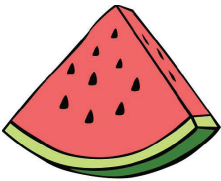
Well Baby Program Registration Begins
The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, in partnership with the D.C. Diaper Bank, Bowie State University and Washington Adventist University School of Nursing, is pleased to announce the kickoff of the Diaper-Baby Mobile Wellness Program. Residents residing within incorporated Greenbelt with infants wearing diapers ranging in size from newborn to size 6 are eligible to register for this free program.

Nursing students will complete an assessment, educate families on growth milestones, discuss nutrition options for babies and immunization schedules, provide referral for local resources and provide free diapers. Twice during the program participants will receive free produce and recipes.
The program will begin Thursday, September 22 and run through Thursday, December 15. Visits will occur twice a month on Thursdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Beginning Thursday, September 15, student nurses will call program participants to schedule their specific time slots. Residents who keep all of their appointments will be eligible for a special prize at the end of the program. To register, contact Sharon Johnson, GAIL program case manager, at 240-542-2029 beginning Monday, August 29. Slots are limited.

Drug Overdose Awareness Day
The Greenbelt Police Department and Greenbelt CARES staff invite the public to participate in Drug Awareness Day on Wednesday, August 31. On this day law enforcement and governmental agencies and organizations and activists groups around the world will focus on recognizing and spotlighting the widespread and growing epidemic of drug overdose incidents.
An information desk will be set up at the police station lobby that day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. to provide written information on recognizing drug abuse and addiction, ways to intervene and treatment options. Staff will be present from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. to discuss this further and answer questions.

Pre-Festival Free Concert at ERHS
The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is proud to announce a free concert to thank the community for its support and dedication. On Thursday, September 1 the Navy Band Sea Chanters, the United States Navy’s official chorus, will perform a special concert from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) auditorium featuring an ERHS alumnus, Musician 1st Class William F. Edwards. Edwards’ grandparents were Greenbelt pioneers.
The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral music, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway and contemporary music.
Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Free tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis, limited to 850 seats. Contact Linda Ivy with questions at 301-675-0585 or email lindain-greenbelt@gmail.com.

Free Melon Monday
The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program will offer Free Melon Monday for Greenbelt residents on August 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the parking lot of the Municipal Center, 25 Crescent Road. Participants should bring a cart to carry their melons away. Produce will be limited. In case of rain the distribution will be Monday, September 12 from 10 to 11 a.m.




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Sunday, Aug. 28th & Wednesday, Aug. 31st
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Week of August 26

FRIDAY – SATURDAY
Sausage Party, R
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 9:45
Suicide Squad, PG13
11, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
Ben-Hur, PG13
11:55, 3:45, 6:50, 9:45
Don’t Breathe, R
11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7, 9:30
Kubo and the Two Strings, PG
11:30, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:20
The Mechanic: Resurrection, R
11:10, 1:55, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Secret Life of Pets, PG
11:15, 1:40, 4:25
Jason Bourne, PG13
7:10, 9:55
War Dogs, R
11, 1:35, 4:10, 7, 9:55

SUNDAY – MONDAY
Sausage Party, R
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30
Suicide Squad, PG13
11, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10
Ben-Hur, PG13
11:55, 4, 7
Don’t Breathe, R
11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20
Kubo and the Two Strings, PG
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The Mechanic: Resurrection, R
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Secret Life of Pets, PG
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Jason Bourne, PG13
4:10, 7:10
War Dogs, R
11, 1:35, 4:10, 7

TUESDAY
Hands of Stone, R
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Sausage Party, R
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30
Suicide Squad, PG13
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Ben-Hur, PG13
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Secret Life of Pets, PG
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Jason Bourne, PG13
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War Dogs, R
11, 1:35, 4:10, 7

WEDNESDAY – THURSDAY
Hands of Stone, R
11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 7
Sausage Party, R
11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:30
Suicide Squad, PG13
11, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10
Ben-Hur, PG13
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The Mechanic: Resurrection, R
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War Dogs, R
11, 1:35, 4:10, 7, 9:55

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Obituaries

Charles Truitt Howey



Charles Howey

PHOTO COURTESY OF HOWEY FAMILY

Greenbelt pioneer Charles (Charlie) Truitt Howey died after a long illness on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gladys; children Robert Howey, Peggy (Chris) Carley, Debra (John Gordon) Keats, Kim (George) Cox and John Howey; sister Linda (Joe) Houser; grandchildren Michael (Stacey) Howey, Katrina (Scott) Kuster, Christopher (Samantha) Carley, Sarah (Sam Lobos) Amaya, Tiffany (Nick) Zook, Ashley Ruehl, Sadie Howey, Gerald Ruehl, and Jasmine Howey; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Eva Howey, and his daughter, Tina Marie.

Mr. Howey's parents were one of the first families in Greenbelt; his father helped build the city. As referenced in the December 29, 1937, News Review, he played the Baby Jesus in Greenbelt's first Christmas Pageant.

Mr. Howey served in the Marine Corps early in his life. He joined the Metropolitan Police Department and later retired from the Uniformed Division Secret Service as a lieutenant. He was awarded the Golden Gloves at age 12, was an avid Washington Redskins fan and bowler, and enjoyed cookouts with family and friends. Most of all, he loved his family.

A celebration of Mr. Howey's life was held earlier this week in Delaware. Contributions in his name may be sent to Compassionate Care Hospice, Georgetown, Del., or to the Parkinson Foundation chapter of choice.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present. You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
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ALL ARE WELCOME.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A very lovely Christmas Pageant was presented by the Greenbelt Elementary School on Thursday morning December 23.

A beautiful tableau of "Christ in the Manger" was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Howe and their three months old baby.

From the Greenbelt Cooperator of December 29, 1937.

In Memoriam Robert T. Sommers

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

Robert T. (Bob) Sommers, the last member of Greenbelt's pioneer Sommers family, died June 16, 2016 in Annapolis, at the age of 91. At a memorial service at Kalas Funeral Home in Edgewater on August 13, representatives from the military, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, the Greenbelt Museum and the College Park Moose Lodge gave tribute to his service in those organizations. His three children told stories of his life in the categories of sports, patriotism and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Sommers and their four sons, James, William, Robert and Richard, moved to Greenbelt from Reading, Pa. in early 1938 as original residents of 9-M Ridge Road. Mr. Sommers Senior, a World War I veteran, was a charter member of Greenbelt Post 136 of the American Legion. Mrs. Sommers became a Gold Star Mother in 1943 when their son William died while serving in the Navy in the South Pacific.

All four boys graduated from Greenbelt High School (GHS): James in 1941, William and Bob in 1942 and Dick in 1945. James later became a Trappist monk, known as Brother James. Youngest brother Dick was a



Robert T. Sommers

close friend of my late husband Henry McFarland; he was best man at our wedding in 1949 and godfather for our first child. Dick died of heart disease while still in his sixties.

From an early age, Bob Sommers' interests were baseball and basketball. His mentors were Ben Goldfaden and Vincent Holochwost of the town's Recreation Department, and he was an original member of the Grizzlies, a group of alumni of the GHS sports teams which is still in existence today. At GHS, he was manager of the basketball team. In the official history book about Greenbelt, which is sold in the Greenbelt Museum, Bob's photo is there twice on page 90, with both baseball and basketball teams. In later years, he served as a timekeeper for the University of Maryland basketball games. I always watched for him when the games were televised.

But perhaps the most famous role for Bob was his appearance in the film The City, which was shown at the 1939 World's Fair and is now studied as a resource for planned communities everywhere. In the several scenes of boys riding bikes through an underpass and all around town, Bob

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ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
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We are saddened to hear of the death of Greenbelt pioneer Charles (Charlie) Truitt Howey, who died August 16, 2016. We extend deepest sympathies to his wife of 59 years, Gladys, his friends and family.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Robert Sommers, the last member of Greenbelt's pioneer Sommers family, who died June 16, 2016 in Annapolis at the age of 91.

Congratulations to Rebekah Sutfin, who works for the Greenbelt Recreation Department and has been accepted into the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Leadership Institute, Class of 2017.

Congratulations to Michelle Spezzacatena, who was selected to participate in the Library of Congress Leadership Development Program where she will receive education, training and experiences needed to improve her current performance as a management analyst at the Library while enhancing her leadership skills.

Congratulations also to Kimberly Yoho, director of Knowledge and Practice Operations at the American Institute of Architects, who was recognized for earning her Certified Association Executive credential at the American Society of Association Executives annual meeting earlier this month in Salt Lake City.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news for the next Our Neighbors column. Send complete details on your news to kyoho@comcast.net or 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho


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Friday, August 26, John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Vintage #18 delivers a high energy, soul-drenched performance of the blues, soul and rock from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 27, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer. Bring an instrument and join in this community jam session from 1 to 5 p.m. John Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Blues Sampler Night will offer a journey through the many styles of blues music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and will be sure to whet your appetite for the upcoming 14th Annual Blues Festival on September 10 in Roosevelt Center sponsored by FONDCA.

Sunday, August 28, join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Reilly Goulait Band performs a harmonic blend of original songs and popular folk and rock covers from 7 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30, Brinjal offers up Middle Eastern music and belly dancing from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 31, WAM-MIE-nominated singer/songwriter Lynn Hollyfield performs heartfelt original music from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, September 1, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, September 2, Guernsey plays American standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Karikatura, a transglobal soul group from NYC, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 3, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays jazz standards on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Linwood Taylor Band offers up classic blues music with a touch of soul from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Go to newdealcafe.com for more info.

Upcoming Events At Greenbelt Park

Thursday, August 25: National Park Service 100th Birthday.

Saturday, August 27: Ranger Station talks and display on camouflage from 1 to 3 p.m. A military adaptation from nature, the principles of animal camouflage that allow creatures to hide in plain sight and protect their species from predators are used by the military to offer soldiers concealment from enemy observation. The display will include examples of natural and artificial camouflage with photographs and models.

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At the Library
Story times are Wednesday, August 31: Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.
Thursday, September 1: Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.



City Information

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! FOREST PRESERVE STREAM CLEAN UP



Saturday, August 27 from 10 am – 12 pm
Meet at Northway Road (Extended) near the ball fields and Observatory.

Clean up the streams in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Gloves and bags will be provided.

REMINDERS:

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes for possible muddy stream banks.
- Bring a reusable water bottle.
- High School Students: Bring your service-learning forms!

For more info contact Valerie Elliott, valandmabel@gmail.com.

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MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2

Monday, August 29 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/WSSC** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov.

Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Labor Day Parade, Grants Workshop, Report on Council's work session with PGCPs, Updates – 4-Cities meeting, Calendar, and AOB*

Wednesday, August 31 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re:Proposed Revision to Recognition/Contribution Group Policy** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

FOREST PRESERVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT

It is **tentatively** planned to have A Morton Thomas present the findings of the study to the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) at their **September 22** meeting. Following the FPAB meeting, there will be scheduled a public walkthrough of the preserve with the consultants in mid-October. This will be open to the public. AMT will **tentatively** return to the FPAB on November 17 for a second meeting. There will also be additional meetings with City Council throughout the process.

More information will be posted when it is available.

Zero Waste Volunteers Needed!

Be a part of the zero waste efforts by promoting recycling, composting, and reusable water bottles at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival!

Make a positive impact on the community and the environment by bringing zero waste awareness to the festival. High school students will be awarded with service-learning hours for training and hours served. Hourly shifts available!

Meet at the Public Works Booth on:
Friday, September 2 from 6 pm – 8 pm
Saturday, September 3 from 10:30 am – 8 pm
Sunday, September 4 from 12 pm – 8 pm

Pre-Training is highly encouraged on Aug. 25 OR Aug. 29 from 7 pm – 8 pm in Public Works at 555 Crescent Rd.

INTERESTED? RSVP to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-greenbelt>

QUESTIONS? Contact Erin Josephitis at erjosephitis@greenbeltdmd.gov or 240-542-2168

Children & Animals Safety Workshop

Sunday, August 28, 2016, 2:00–3:00 PM
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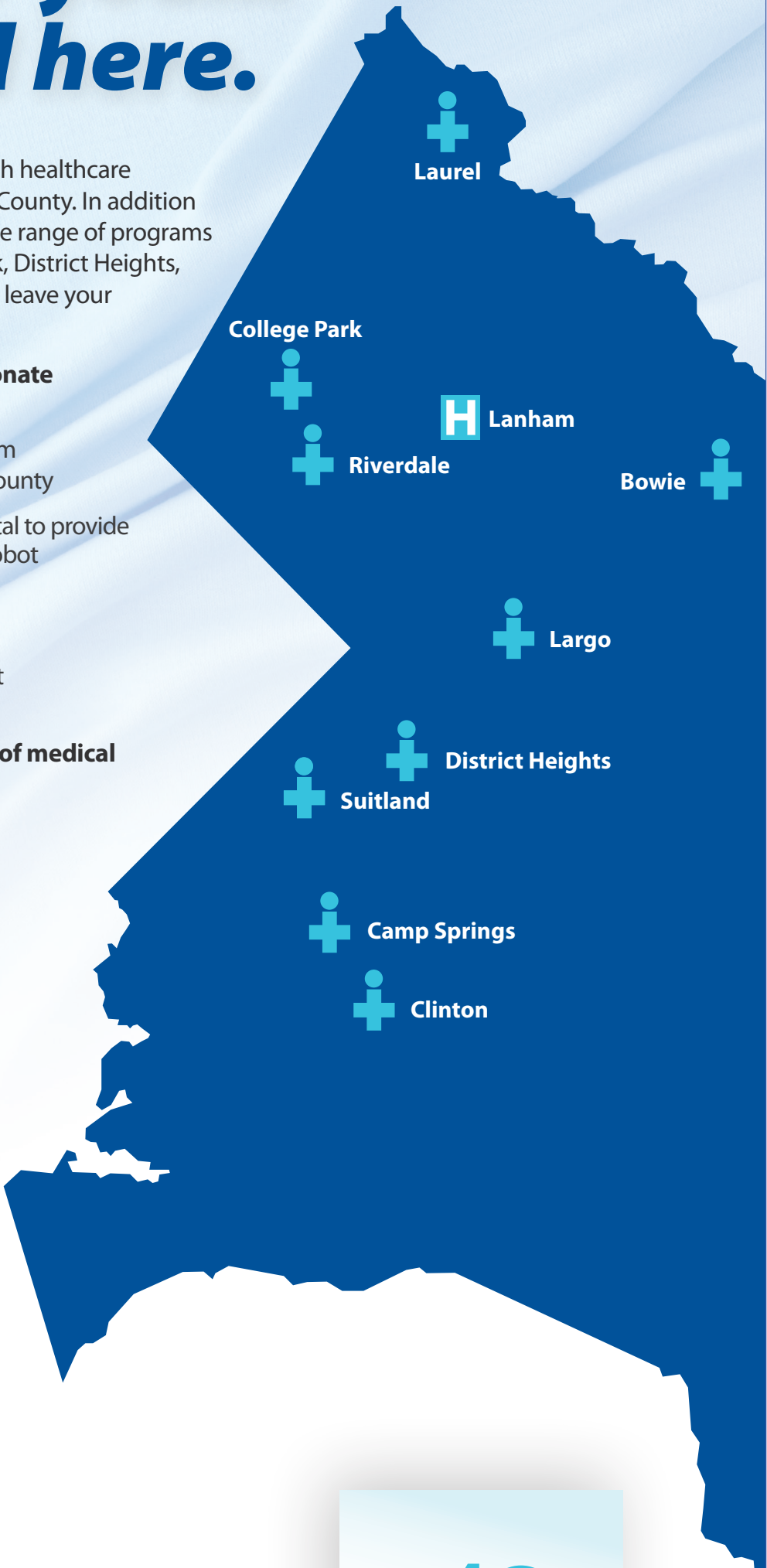
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City Summer Help Program Helps Participants, City

by Erin Josephitis

The Greenbelt Department of Public Works Summer Help Program was revitalized last year, having offered temporary employment to individuals in the 1970s through the early 1980s. In its second year, the program saw increased productivity in 2016. Joe Doss, who started his career as summer help and is now supervisor of playgrounds, stated that the department “is able to handle a much bigger workload thanks to the additional summer help staffing.” The importance of summer help cannot be overstated, as it plays a key role in meeting the city’s needs and the department’s goals, he said.

Summer help assists public works achieve its mission of maintaining and beautifying Greenbelt’s green spaces, parks and outdoor recreational areas. Despite record-breaking heat, the additional staffing improved the department’s response time to cutting grass, maintaining roadways, chipping and re-painting curbs, using thermoplastic for road markings, among many other essential public services.

Public Works is dedicated to preserving Greenbelt’s legacy as a planned community through caring for the community infrastructure. Summer help in the horticulture crew and the parks crew keeps landscaped areas attractive and playgrounds safe. Summer help in the streets crew maintains sidewalks, bike lanes and roadways for use by pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles alike.

Quinn McCracken, a master of fine arts student, described his summer help experience on the streets crew as a “New Deal type job in a New Deal place.” McCracken was particularly proud of his role in bike path maintenance with the installation of new sharrows (shared-lane marking). McCracken recognized the significance that “kids will be grateful for having a better way to get to school” thanks to the bright new sharrows indicating where riders should cycle. Summer help is a truly unique employment opportunity to restore and conserve Greenbelt’s historic heritage as a walkable,



Sharrows are road markings that promote bicycle safety.

bikeable community designed at the human scale.

Joshua Eggleston, an undergraduate film student living at home in Greenbelt for the summer, enjoyed “being a part of making the city look nice and giving back to the community.” Eggleston said that he learned first-hand that the streets crew is “very hard work and takes a lot of sweat and time.” Thanks to his film background, Eggleston captured footage of staff in action that will be released at a later date.

The summer help program provides valuable career training and opens all kinds of doors for talented, young professionals. Leo Donovan had never used a chainsaw before serving on the parks crew. Donovan gained the practical experience and confidence using a chainsaw that are necessary for his career path as he works towards becoming a firefighter. Not only do the city and its residents benefit, but also the summer help learns valuable skills and gains real-world experience.

McCracken, Eggleston and Donovan unanimously agreed that their favorite parts of public works are the camaraderie and the approachability of staff within the department. Summer help reinforces the department’s commitment to offer valuable community services and educational opportunities. Public works is proud to provide career training for qualified participants interested in learning about horticulture, parklands, street maintenance, mechanics, geographic information systems and more.



Summer help from the streets crew, Josh Eggleston (left) and Quinn McCracken (right), who demonstrate the new thermoplastic skills they learned. Photos by Erin Josephitis

Pat Mische’s Garden

by Elizabeth Barber



Photos by Patricia Miche

One of the finest art exhibits in Old Greenbelt is Pat Mische’s garden. A recent resident of GHI, Pat moved in close to my home on Ridge Road. I walked by her house while the garden went through its beginning makeover, and watched with great interest as the place became transformed.

Now it is a true masterpiece of beauty. So when I asked Pat if she would like me to write a review of her artwork, she invited me over to her outdoor table, where we drank cold tea made from the mint leaves from her garden and munched on sweet cookies. My dog Epi was also included and she sat with us, very happy with her share of the sweet meats.

The circular table set with eight chairs is surrounded by planter trellises providing a very nice private area. In the planters, coleus and canna are blooming. Pat explained how she created the beautiful beds of flowers which

stored in some cool place so they won’t freeze.”

Pat pointed out that her honeysuckle vines come back every year. “They turn brown and straggly and look like they’re dead, but they’re not” she said. Pat tries to attract as many bees, birds, and butterflies as she can. She mentioned that these creatures especially like daisies, honeysuckle, zinnias, bee balm, asters and salvia. The big step is putting the little tiny plants which emerge from the seeds into the soil.

“It’s amazing,” said Pat, “that some of the seeds are so

small you can barely see them, yet they grow into strong healthy vegetation.”

Among these are the “little miracles” of carrots and peppers. Pat uses plastic cups and cuts the bottoms out of them – digs a hole and places the cup inside it. These are the cabbages, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower and tomatoes. But radishes, peas and cucumbers can go directly into the ground. Pat said that tomatoes and cabbages have to be put in a different place every year because of the soil depletion, and also because of the cutworms and caterpillars.

“Sometimes I feel like a servant,” Pat confesses.

tioned that little plants can go into shock when transplanted; it is their most sensitive time. There are the natural enemies to consider. Also the wind or rain can knock them over and the cut worms, bugs and caterpillars can eat them.

As we walked around the garden Pat showed me the beautiful stepping stones artistically created by her grandchildren and the lovely statues she has placed in her flower beds. She mentioned that each statue was chosen to represent the characteristics of her grandchildren. These added another dimension of beauty and joy in the overall plan of the garden. It is truly a very special haven; something Pat has created with the skill of a sensitive and knowledgeable artist.



surround her house and spill out into the front yard. She grows most of her things from seed and told of how she starts the seeds in almost any kind of container including egg shells, cups or trays. She uses a seed starter type of soil. She puts these containers in a place where a grow-light can shine on them, a window or a nice, sunny spot.

“It’s very time-consuming,” Pat explained, “but a wonderful hobby.” Planting bulbs is a different kind of approach, and Pat said that many of her daffodils and shrubs grow for 20 years. The trees are also in this category, “Cannas have to be lifted out of their soil in the fall and

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Location: Greenbelt Community Center

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Contact: Margaret Capurso 301-560-6002
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Sit in the shop on a Friday and you'll see people come and go, hear any number of people chatting and laughing, either with their stylist or other customers or both. Some read magazines as they sit carefully tucked under a dryer. Some stop in just to say hello or get a cup of coffee.

Then there are those who come just to get a shampoo from "angel hands". That's Jenny Arias, Maria's younger daughter, who customers dubbed angel hands because of her heavenly shampoos. She works part-time at the shop and has been popping in and out of there since childhood. Some customers have been coming to Maria's for so long they remember Jenny as a baby. Even more have watched her grow up, marry and have her own children, Alicia and Janelise. They visit the shop too, as their mother did. Maria's other daughter, Laura Wyman, is a career woman. At the age of 17 she announced she wanted the same salary as men make, and now she does. She and her husband gave Maria a granddaughter, Zoe.

Customers

Ten-year customer Catherine Rodrigues Dean lives in Lanham and found out about Maria from people at her church in Bowie and her sister-in-law. Another Lanham resident, Eleanor Hipsley, comes every Friday. When asked for how long, she thought for a minute and said, "Gee whiz, about 15 or 20 years." When asked why, she replied, "Just look at my hair today! That's why." (Later, both she and Maria decided it was time for a permanent.) As Maria brought her a cup of coffee Hipsley said, "Maria gives me service with a smile." She and others, including Maria, laughed. Another 10-year customer, Pat Kelly, who also comes in weekly, added, "Maria makes us all beautiful." Again, more laughter from that corner of the room.

Suddenly Maria whispered to this reporter that the lady coming through the door is Maria Snoddy and she has been coming to Maria's shop for more than 41 years. Prior to opening her salon, Maria Wyman worked for Bernard Brooks, owner of an earlier beauty shop then located on the second floor of Roosevelt Center, over what is now Beijing restaurant. Maria left there in 1976 to open her own, current salon.

Within minutes of Maria Snoddy coming in, Pauline Bordas arrived. The two have been best friends since childhood and each has been a customer of Maria's for more than 40 years. They each are second generation customers. Prior to Maria's Beauty Shop, their mothers went to the salon owned by Brooks and took their daughters there too, where Maria did their hair. When Maria left to open her own shop, the Snoddy and Bordas families followed her to her new, sidewalk-level location.

Snoddy describes Maria as spiritual, kind and sweet. Others agree and say they just love her. Maria says she loves every one of them too, "even the ones who give me a hard time." Everyone laughs, knowing Maria is her same, steady self no matter who or what. Family is how customers describe Maria and other stylists, as they in turn describe customers.

Maria has been stylist to

third generation families also, the Chotiners and Maddens. Therese Madden Stringfellow boasts that her mother Kitty was the first person to walk through the door when Maria's Beauty Salon opened in 1976. A more recent person is Lucy, who at the mention of Maria's name said, "wonderful woman." She's been coming for about five years. Her mother, also a Maria customer, sent her there.

Maria doesn't always answer to the name Maria. Customers have other names for her, such as Angel Maria, Taxi Driver Maria, when she picks up nearby customers whose rides to the shop fell through, and Psychologist Maria. She's also Dr. Maria. One customer who had a terrible cough for three weeks would not make an appointment with her doctor, fearing the wait would be too long. With some nudging she gave Maria her doctor's phone number. Maria called and the customer was seen that day and treated. Flying Fingers attests to her speed when the customer has little time. She got the moniker Hair Whisperer after customers teased that she can cut hair blindfolded. Maria laughed, but she tried it one day, just to see if she could. She could.

Maria knows a lot. When asked about appointments, she said, "It's all in here," as she pointed to her head. She doesn't need an appointment book. She remembers names and phone numbers and even styles of customers who have been gone for years.

Over those 40 years, Maria has seen customers die, go to nursing homes, leave to live with their children or move away. Just as Maria doesn't forget her customers, her customers don't forget her. Two of them made extraordinary efforts to tell Maria what impact she made on their lives. Jennifer, who had moved to Germany years ago, stopped in to see Maria when she returned stateside and was passing through Maryland. She said she had to stop by to tell Maria that she "is 15 years late" telling her how much she appreciated everything Maria had done for her. She was equally grateful for the chance to thank Maria in person after so many years.

Jodi was the other person. A few years ago when Maria came to the shop to open up early, she

noticed a man and a woman sitting in a car in front of the door to her shop. She thought that was odd because other businesses had not yet opened. She went inside and they followed. Jodi told her that she had moved out-of-state 31 years ago and that for 31 years of her life Maria has been on her mind. She was visiting the area and wanted to stop in to thank her for giving her her first job. The woman's husband piped up, yes, she really does think about her all this time.

Staff

One person didn't get hired when she went to Maria hoping for her first job. Donna Price told her mother she wanted to be a beautician and she was so disappointed when Maria said, "No, honey, I can't hire you." The reason was that Donna was only 11 years old. When she reached high school she was accepted into the 3-year cosmetology program at Laurel High School, from which she graduated in 1985. She went back to Maria, said "I have my license now," and began working there in October of 1985, more than 30 years ago. Even though Donna has moved in and out of the area at times she still has a chair at Maria's. She talks about how she and Maria and the other stylists and customers have gone through weddings, births, deaths, divorces and life's happenings together over the years. Donna now cuts the hair of college-age students and adults she remembers coming to her as children.

Debbie Matlak has been a stylist in three shops for 17 years. Maria's is her third, where she has been the last seven years. "Maria's is more than a beauty shop," she says, "It's like family." This phrase is repeated over and over again by customers and staff. Debbie is adamant that Maria's is her last shop and she wouldn't work anywhere else. Customers take pictures of themselves with stylists, to put in family albums.

Mimi Hui Yim has lived in the Greenbelt area for more than 25 years and has been at Maria's for about five years. She likes everything about the shop and customers and is happy to be there.

Maria

What does Maria say? If prodded she remains modest but will admit she has helped a lot of

See MARIA, page 11

Explore Your Greenbelt

Greenbelt Community Lives At Beltway Plaza Event

by Calvin Chao

From an initial dozen stores to approximately a million square feet of retail space, Beltway Plaza has grown tremendously in its 50 years. Now Beltway Plaza is an anchor for the local residents, not only because of its restaurants, retail stores and entertainment opportunities but for its embrace of the Greenbelt community.

Beltway Plaza, along with the Greenbelt News Review and Paradyme Management, is a sponsor of the Greenbelt Community Foundation's (GCF) 10th anniversary celebration campaign, Explore Your Greenbelt. To celebrate, Beltway Plaza is hosting a Back-to-School Community Family Day, Saturday, August 27 from 2 to 6 p.m. on the upper level in front of Big Lots. WKYS Radio will entertain the crowd, Beltway Plaza's own Balloon Clown and Plaza Woman will give away keys to the popular Beltway Plaza Treasure Chest and free raffles will feature other prizes, including a trip to Ocean City. All Greenbelters are invited to attend to have fun and to learn how GCF lives out its mission of "nourishing all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods."

Back-to-School Community Family Day is just another example of the family events found at this key shopping center. As Beltway Plaza expanded, it grew the number of free community activities, from the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month Family Day on October 2, which features live music, food and games in the parking lot of the mall, to the annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat inside the mall that includes a costume contest for children of all ages.

Well-known to shoppers is the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame that honors local citizens who have made a difference in the community. Along with the names of local sports figures, politicians and education professionals is a crowd favorite, Andy the K-9 dog and his partner Sergeant Robert Heverly. K-9 Andy received an American Red Cross Real Hero Medal of Courage for his help apprehending an armed carjacking suspect, and was honored post-

humously on the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame. The Greenbelt community and Beltway Plaza continue to recognize outstanding citizens by adding names to the wall three to four times a year.

Another community benefit found at the plaza is information on health and wellness. Avon has offered information about breast cancer and the Wellness on Wheels Mobile Health Clinic periodically parks at the plaza and offers free screenings for diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The shopping mall not only promotes health awareness but also makes efforts to donate to important causes. The Plaza's Ping Pong Tournament on October 8 donates its proceeds to Parkinson's disease research. Participating in the tournament will be local pro Navin Kumar, who has Parkinson's Disease yet is able to subdue some of its effects as soon as he steps up to the ping pong table for a match. Due to his perseverance and skill, Kumar has represented the U.S. in international table tennis competitions as part of the Paralympic Program. During the tournament he will demonstrate his prowess and accept challenges from all who dare.

Beltway Plaza continues to expand, with new tenants Fallas and 5 Below, more sponsored events such as the Greenbelt Blues Festival and National Night Out and sponsored community groups like the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police and Students Against Destructive Decisions. Step by step, the plaza is contributing to the community feel and helping to spread the goodwill.

Calvin Chao is an intern working with the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

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We will have a table in the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, September 3 as part of the Labor Day Festival's Information Day. Please visit us to learn more about Greenbelt Advocates and to sign our petition to stop the proposed Lakeside North Development.

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at: GreenbeltAdvocates.ESJ@gmail.com
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Both Skaggses Retire after 30 and 35 Years with City

by Jill Connor



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Theresa and Karl Skaggs celebrate their retirement from over 30 years with the city at the American Legion in Greenbelt on Friday, August 12. Karl holds up the plaque given to him by his coworkers with a small tractor similar to the one he used to mow the city fields.

On Friday, August 12, Theresa and Karl Skaggs celebrated their upcoming retirement with family, friends, co-workers and employers with tears, laughter and a tiny little tractor. The couple, who met while they were both working for the city of Greenbelt, are both retiring on August 31 after 30 years in Human Resources (HR) for Theresa and 35 years in the Public Works department for Karl.

It was an emotional night because these two employees “embody what I call the Greenbelt way,” said Theresa’s current boss Mary Johnson, the director of Human Resources. Johnson recalled when her home burned down on one of the coldest nights of the year. She turned around in the parking lot to find the Skaggses with a bag of supplies including clothing for her son and a hair dryer for Johnson. “She’s been that for all employees,” said Johnson. “Her title is Human Resources Specialist but she is so much more.” Johnson explained that Theresa has helped every city employee for the last 30 years. “She’s retired over 100 of our employees. Theresa’s been a confidant to many employees, a friend to many employees and always lends an ear,” she said. An example Johnson shared was when Theresa used her own leave to take an injured employee to physical therapy when the employee could not drive. “You can train people in HR but kindness and empathy and being comfortable talking to people, that’s not something you can train in people,” she stated.

“I don’t think there was ever a harsh word,” said Barbara Havekost, Theresa’s first boss who retired 12 years after Theresa started. Havekost also said, “When I left I knew everything would keep going just like it had. Whoever came on behind me, there was no worry.”

Theresa’s irreplaceability is a trait shared with her husband Karl. Jim Sterling, the director of Public Works and Karl’s current boss, talked about his “irreplaceable skill set,” including his ability to find anything on the internet, earning him the title “Mr. Amazon.” Sterling said, “When somebody needs something, everybody goes to Karl. If you need help and want something, he will step up and do it.” This type of behavior earned Karl employee of the year, twice.

Karl’s former boss and former co-worker Bill Phelan, the retired

assistant director of Public Works said, “They won’t get another one like Karl.” Phelan talked about Karl’s creativity and talent in producing a variety of projects, including stone benches, the stone patio at the lake, the stone walkway up to the Community Center and the numerous adopt-a-benches around town. When talking about the adopt-a-benches that Skaggs and his co-workers have built, Karl said for him, “It wasn’t just a task. It was somebody’s mother, or somebody’s father, somebody’s family member.”

Karl has also put a lot of time into building and maintaining infrastructure of our community, such as mowing the ball fields, building bus shelters and bridges and renovating the movie theater. Karl said he wanted “to give people a place to sit and think and to find some peace ‘cause the world’s kind of hectic.”

Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan presented the Skaggses each with a plaque, a check and a gift. The city councilmembers talked about Theresa’s friendliness, Karl’s humor and the dedication

both showed in their positions. Councilmember Edward Putens talked about how Karl was a strong advocate for the public works employees and department. Councilmember Judith Davis explained how Theresa was always there when you needed her, no matter how busy she was, she was always welcoming.

Theresa and Karl’s direct bosses also gave them plaques and cards. Karl’s third plaque of the evening was presented to him by his co-workers. It featured a small tractor similar to the one Karl drove when he maintained the city fields.

Karl and Theresa share a giving mindset. Karl said, “Ever since I was a kid I’ve got more pleasure out of giving somebody a gift than receiving one and I’m still that way to this day.” Theresa’s mindset is similar. When asked about her job, Theresa said, “It’s like family so you just help as much as you can, whoever you can. You do what you need to do to help them.”

During their retirement they will still be helping out. They are moving to West Virginia to help Karl’s elderly stepfather on the family’s farm. They also have plans to travel and visit family both in and out of Greenbelt.

Theresa said she was too overcome to say much or read her speech or even give it to someone else to read. Karl was emotional when he spoke to the crowd of over 100 friends, co-workers and family. Karl said, “This wasn’t just a place to come to work eight hours a day for the last 35 years. This community raised my family.” Pointing to Theresa, Karl says, “That was the greatest thing the city gave me.”

This article appeared in last week’s paper with the name Skaggs spelled incorrectly.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police

DWI/DUI

August 7, 3:12 a.m., Hanover Parkway near Hanover Drive. A 32-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related violations during investigation of a single vehicle accident. She was released on citations pending trial.

Robbery

August 16, 9:23 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway. Two men entered the pharmacy, and when one jumped the counter, the clerk wrestled with him. After several seconds both men fled.

Check Fraud

August 15, 10 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. Several counterfeit checks were written and passed from a person’s bank account.

Burglary

August 12, 6 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. An attempt was made to enter a residence by breaking out the kitchen window. Entry was not gained.

Vandalism

August 16, 9 a.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive. A window was broken out at the Greenbelt Lake Village gym.

Vehicle Crime

A 2013 Chevrolet Malibu stolen from Mandan Road near Mandan Terrace on August 12 was recovered the same day by

Petersburg (Virginia) City police at an undisclosed location before the owner had discovered it missing.

Five thefts were reported. In the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace a set of tools was taken from a trunk. A debit card was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 9100 block Edmonston Road and was used to make unauthorized purchases. A handbag was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace after a passenger side window was broken out. The front driver side window was broken out in the 7300 block Hanover Parkway and a wallet was taken. Four tires and rims were taken from the 100 block Westway.

Seven acts of vandalism were reported. A tire was slashed in the 100 block Westway, and four tires were flattened and both side mirrors vandalized in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

A front passenger window was broken out in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, and two rear windows were broken out in the 7200 block Hanover Drive. A hole was drilled in a gas tank in the 9100 block Springhill Court, and a fuel line was cut in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Paint was scratched on two vehicles in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS.
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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, September 1, 2016
GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

- GHI Special Open Session Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**
 - Vote to Conduct the Executive Session (closed) meeting.
- GHI Executive Session Meeting (closed)**
 - Member Financial Delinquency Matters
 - Consider the Terms and Conditions of Three Contracts
 - Legal Matter
- GDC Open Session Meeting, 7:30 p.m.**
 - Review 2nd Quarter Financial Statements
- GHI Regular Open Session Meeting (following the GDC Meeting)**
 - Woodlands Committee’s Recommendations re: Trees to be Purchased with a Pepco Line of Credit
 - Review 2nd Quarter Financial Statements
 - Review Investment Committee’s Semi-Annual Report
 - Definition of Operating Funds re: GHI’s Investment Policy
 - Board of Directors’ Sub-Committee Recommendation re: Revisions to GHI’s Parking Rules
 - Review Minutes of 2016 Annual Membership Meeting
 - Establish a Date for a Work Session with the Legislative & Government Affairs Committee re: Zoning Re-write Project
 - Establish a Date for a Work Session to Finalize Revisions to the Board’s Strategic Plan
 - Establish a Task Force to Recommend a Policy re: Assignment of Units to GHI
 - Responsibility for GHI’s Legal Fees in the Event of an Unsuccessful Lawsuit Brought by a Member
 - Requests from External Organizations for Contributions
 - Review Revised Committee Manual



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people over the years. It makes her “feel worthwhile and keeps [her] going.” She talks about the many wonderful people who have come through her doors. She says the staff and customers over the last 40 years have all contributed to the success of Maria’s Beauty Salon. She always dreamed about one day having her own shop. “It’s incredible,” she said. They came and came for 40 years and still keep coming.

Donna let it be known that Maria has always had a crush on Elvis. When asked if this is true, Maria quickly and excitedly admitted to it. Then she said something happened to her that she never in her life could ever imagine. She, her daughter and a girlfriend were able to go to an Elvis concert at the Capital Centre in 1997. Their seats were in the first row in front of a walkway coming from a door in the corner, not in expensive center stage. She had no idea of what that door or walkway were for. There was a railing separating their front row seats from the walkway. It was so narrow that only one person could walk through at a time. Suddenly, who appeared but Elvis, walking along the walkway with body guards in single file behind him on their way to the stage. As he neared, Maria reached out and touched the hair on the head of The King as he passed by her. Her girlfriend was so happy she was crying. Maria was scream-

ing and jumping up and down from excitement. So, Elvis fans, do you realize that if you have Maria do your hair, you will then be able to say your hair has been touched by the hand that touched the hair of Elvis. Get your place in line now.

TapIt Water Program Fosters Zero Waste

Greenbelt is celebrating Zero Waste Week from September 1 through 7. Americans throw away 35 billion plastic bottles every year. Say “No” to bottled water and refill reusable water bottles at drinking fountains located in city buildings and local businesses participating in TapIt. Locate TapIt locations at the Public Works booth at the Labor Day Festival with the free smartphone app or a freetapwater.org.

TapIt provides free access to tap water as a more sustainable and healthy alternative to bottled beverages. The City of Greenbelt is proud to provide tap water at the following locations: Aquatic & Fitness Center, Community Center, Municipal Building, Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Participating businesses include the Greenbelt Co-Op, MakerSpace, Generous Joe’s, New Deal Café and Beijing restaurant.

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is the boy who has a flat tire. As a docent for the Greenbelt Museum, Bob was in great demand to tell the story of the filming of those scenes, how his mother had to wash his shirt every day so he could look the same for the next day’s filming. Even in his senior years, Bob always had a role in the Museum’s floats in the Labor Day Parade.

Bob joined the Army soon after graduating from GHS and became a paratrooper, serving in the European theater during World War II. After completing active duty as a sergeant, he joined the National Guard, earning the rank of first lieutenant. He was an early member of Greenbelt’s American Legion Post 136. After retiring from his 43-year career as a technician in the C&P Telephone Company, he became even more active in the Legion. He was present at every Memorial Day and Veterans Day activity and often brought his collection of Army photos and

memorabilia to display at Legion events. He had many friends through his associations with sports and the military and was known as a great talker and teller of stories, especially about the early days of Greenbelt.

Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris Sommers; sons Gary of Middletown, Md. and Randy of Elizabeth City, N.C.; daughter Jody Sommers of Annapolis and Atlantic Beach, Fla.; three grandsons and two granddaughters. At the memorial service, Randy told of wanting to be a paratrooper like his dad, influencing his choice to join the Army Special Forces and become a Green Beret. Grandson Kyle (Gary’s son), who was a member of the Army honor guard at the service, has served in Afghanistan and is currently training to be a helicopter pilot.



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Open Mic Newlyweds Celebrate at New Deal

James Riordon, who has hosted a monthly open mic at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt since 2000, and Martha Heil, co-host since 2006, celebrated their courthouse wedding at an open mic on August 11.

Riordon has lived in Greenbelt since he bought an apartment in Greenbriar Condominiums, across the hall from then mayor Judith Davis. In 2006, he and Heil bought a GHI home. They now live in one of GHI's freestanding units.

The couple are both science writers, he for the American Physical Society and she for the Maryland NanoCenter, both located in College Park. He was the president of the D.C. Science Writers Association in 2008.

Their wedding clothes reflected each other's interests. The groom wore Betabrand's Haeckelohla shirt, a tribute to the draw-

ings of Ernst Haeckel, a 19th century biologist and Darwin contemporary, whose drawings of embryos helped establish evolutionary biology. This is a nod to the bride's work in upholding the teaching of evolution in public school classrooms through service on the board of the National Center for Science Education.

The bride wore a dress with a design of the data from the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) experiment, which Riordon promoted when the papers announcing the results were published by his employer earlier this year. He also launched the Einstein@Home distributed computing experiment, in which LIGO data is sent to participants' computers for analysis to find gravitational waves. The experiment detected gravitational waves created by the Big Bang.



James Riordon and Martha Heil at the courthouse for their wedding.

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He stayed with the Maryland Boychoir through the eighth grade, the same year he reprised his role in Amahl and the Night Visitors, this time at the Kennedy Center with the Washington Opera. "That was probably the best thing I had done up to that point," Edwards reflected. "It was a completely professional production, amazing sets and costumes, live animals, and at the time I thought it was neat, but I also thought it was normal. Now I look back and I think, wow, I did not understand how big of a deal that was!"

After university, where he majored in music, Edwards did contract work with Tokyo Disney Resort for five years before joining the Sea Chanters in 2006. All group members have jobs in addition to singing: finance, public affairs, planning national tours, etc. Edwards is in charge of programs. He has also been able to bring in some of his own arrangements and compositions; although the Navy Band has professional arrangers, there are opportunities for group members to create their own pieces.

"There are 11 United States Navy Bands throughout the world," Edwards said. One of those bands is in D.C. Its mission is to support the President and other high-ranking government and military officials, providing musical support at ceremonies, public concerts, funerals and events. The communication manager for the U.S. Navy Band, Senior Chief Musician Melissa Bishop, explained by email that the chorus also "participates in public outreach activities for the Navy, representing the sailors deployed around the world, around the clock. Throughout their history, the Sea Chanters have remained true to the Navy's watchwords of pride and professionalism, and they continue to flourish as a vibrant ensemble." The Sea Chanters mount a tour once a year to a different region of the country; in Spring of 2016 they were in New England and in 2017 they will tour the Upper Midwest. The tour "is probably



The official portrait of the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters.

one of my favorite things we do all year," said Edwards. "We get to perform for every kind of person across the U.S.; it's definitely a great honor."

For young people interested in music or theater, Edwards encourages them to "do as many different kinds of music – and if you're into acting, as many different types of plays –as you can; while you have the chance to do it, do it! When you walk into an audition, they want to hire someone, and it might as well be you. If you can walk in there with a

lot of experience under your belt, that's only going to help you."

While Edwards didn't originally plan to join the military – he turned 30 in boot camp – he found that "it's the perfect fit" for him. "I get to sing good music every day with people I like, I get to serve my country and I get paid for that!"

Come to ERHS on September 1 for a free concert by the U.S. Navy Band's Sea Chanters. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are first come, first served.

Attention Artisans and Crafts People!!!

CELEBRATE
Hispanic Heritage Month



Join Beltway Plaza Mall for Our Hispanic Heritage Month Family Day Festival!
Sun., October 2nd from Noon to 6 pm

Beltway Plaza is seeking artisans and crafts people to exhibit at our Hispanic Family Day Festival

We are featuring Live Music, Food, Entertainment, El Zol Radio with Patricia De Lima, Games, Prizes and more! The event will be held on our front parking deck upper level. Your crafts and handiwork can be presented to the Community and you can do sampling, demonstrations, couponing, and sell your wares!

Contact Beltway Plaza Mall Marketing Office
Janubi Devendra, Marketing Director at 301-345-2040 or via email at jdevendra@quantumco.net to register, for more information or questions.



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62nd Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5, 2016

"Unity through community involvement"

Dear Festival Visitor:

Welcome to the 62nd Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival! The City of Greenbelt is honored to host this unique community celebration, which is the largest event of its kind in the State of Maryland and provides so much enjoyment to all its citizens. Many family and friend reunions occur during this special weekend. The Festival also provides a great opportunity for many of our City's nonprofit, service and religious organizations to participate and make themselves known to our residents and visitors.

This Festival is organized and conducted by an independent volunteer group, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee. These generous and dedicated citizens have worked long hours over the past year to ensure that we all have a wonderful time. We are grateful for their efforts and those of all the other community volunteers and City employees who make this event possible.

We hope you enjoy this weekend's festivities. Plan to come all four days and take full advantage of the wide range of activities being offered, from the Opening Ceremony and Concert on Friday evening to the Labor Day Parade on Monday. If you have any questions about the City of Greenbelt, please call us at 301-474-8000.

Best wishes for a great weekend!

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Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

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Judith F. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem

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Leta M. Mach, Member of Council

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Rodney M. Roberts, Member of Council



The Greenbelt City Council, standing from left, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling and Edward Putens; sitting from left, Councilmember Silke Pope, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis.



Rising Stars Performance Showcase

Sunday, September 4, Main Stage, 4:30-7:30pm



Emily Armoa (left) and "RPG" (right) perform during the Rising Stars, a program that gives performers age 17 years or younger the opportunity to display their talent.



PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

Festival Hours

Friday – 6pm to 11pm
Saturday – 10:30am to 11pm
Sunday – Noon to 11pm
Monday – 11am to 6pm

See shuttle schedule on page 8.

**"Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle,
Replenish!"**

Help us keep the Green in Greenbelt!

Navy Band Sea Chanters

Free concert, Thursday, September 1
Eleanor Roosevelt High School
7-8:30pm; doors open at 6:30pm

As a thank you to our community for your support and dedication, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is proud to present a free concert by the Navy Band Sea Chanters, the US Navy's official chorus. The ensemble performs a variety of music ranging from traditional choral, including sea chanteys and patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, and contemporary. Among the performers is Musician 1st Class William F. Edwards, an Eleanor Roosevelt alum.

Free tickets will be available at the door on a first come, first served basis. If you have questions, please contact Linda Ivy at 301-675-0585 or lindaingreenbelt@gmail.com.

To receive updates on the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Why Cook?

Relax Over the Weekend . . .
Eat Out at the Festival!

Food Booths in the Carnival Midway include:

Astronomical Society of Greenbelt

– **German Sausage, Butterfly Chips**

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

– **Lemonade, Pretzels, Funnel Cake**

Greenbelt Babe Ruth

– **Cheeseburgers, Nachos, Fried Candy Bars**

Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police

– **Turkey, Ham, Crab Cake**

Greenbelt Knights of Columbus

– **Italian and Polish Sausage**

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee

– **Chicken on a Stick, Pad Thai, Fried Rice, Egg Roll**

Green Vegan Networking

– **Jerk Chicken, Chicken Curry, Fried Broccoli**

Rising Stars – Snoballs

Sodas and Beverages Available at Many Booths

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle at the Labor Day Festival

Please help green the Labor Day Festival!

The Public Works/Green Team booth and volunteers will have information about recycling, composting and filling up your reusable water bottles. We'll also have some fun informational games and green prizes at the Public Works booth.

There are water fountains at the Municipal Building, Aquatic Center, and the Co-Op grocery store. Some businesses and restaurants will also let you fill your water bottle. Look for the TapIt decal or water bottle flyer in store windows.

Trash, recycling and composting bins with instructional decals will be grouped together throughout the festival grounds.

Carnival Midway Booths and Activities

Ride tickets - \$1.00/each, \$20.00 for 25 tickets, and \$25.00 for the "All You Can Ride Wristband" for unlimited rides during certain times on ONE DAY ONLY. Choose between 11am to 4pm Saturday OR Noon to 4pm Sunday. No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted. Vouchers for wristbands may be purchased for \$12.00 at the Co-op Supermarket until Noon on Friday, September 2. These vouchers can be redeemed at the Festival for the wristband. Prices subject to change without notice. No refunds.

Greenbelt Animal Control – **Dunk Tank, Pooch Plunge & Informational Handouts**

Greenbelt Baha'i Community – **Button Making**

Greenbelt Baptist Church – **Information, activity**

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA – **Used Book Sale**

Greenbelt Nursery School – **Greenbelt Is Great T-shirts**

St. Hugh's Ladies of Charity – **Bingo, Soda, Water**

Rides by Sherwood Amusements. Booths constructed and wired by Greenbelt Public Works Department.

Friday, Sept. 2

All events will take place in the Roosevelt Center parking lots unless otherwise noted. No advance registration is required unless stated. No alcoholic beverages will be sold at the Festival. City ordinances prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages in city parks, buildings and the Festival area.

In case of rain, stage events and some booth activities will be moved to the Community Center and the Youth Center. Carnival rides may close without refunds. For Festival information and a schedule, check Verizon Channel 21 and Comcast Channel 71 or see greenbeltlaborday.com. Carnival directory signs are located at the Information Booth, Upper Lot Entry and Southway/Crescent Road entrance.

Avoid parking problems, ride the FREE Festival shuttle. Vans will pick up at parking locations at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Elementary School and Green Ridge House (residents only) and deliver the riders to the Festival area. Armory for parking only; no shuttle pickup from Armory. Walk 0.4 mile to Festival from Armory.

This schedule is subject to change without notice. Questions? Call Festival Information at **301-502-6168** or visit the website at greenbeltlaborday.com or visit the Information Booth on the grounds.

9am- GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION

9:30pm Community Center, Rm. 110. The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. FREE.

Sponsored by Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, Prince George's County Councilmember for 4th District – Todd M. Turner, The Estate of Sue Hoya Sellars, City of Greenbelt, and the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

5-7pm ART SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Community Center. Entries accepted only. Entries also accepted Thursday 5-7pm and Friday 10am-Noon. See page 7.

5-7pm PHOTO SHOW ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Community Center. Entries also accepted Thursday 5-7pm. See page 7.

5-7pm TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Youth Center. "Open Division" - no age limit. Trophies to winners and runners-up. Singles & Doubles. Registration from 4:30-5pm. See Youth Table Tennis Tournament entry at noon Sunday.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department

6-10pm CARNIVAL MIDWAY OPENS

Midway. Rides by Sherwood Amusements. Games, food sale and information booths organized by Greenbelt organizations. Booths constructed and wired by Greenbelt Public Works Department. Ride tickets sold by volunteers from the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society. No charge for entertainment, shows or events unless noted.

6-11pm FACE PAINTING FUNDRAISER

Various locations throughout the festival.

6:30- OPENING CEREMONIES

7:15pm Stage. Police and color guard. Musician 1st Class Bill Edwards will sing the national anthem. Introduction of dignitaries. Presentation of Outstanding Citizen Award, the major civic event in Greenbelt each year, honoring all the outstanding citizens who make Greenbelt great. Sign language interpreter.

7:15pm 2016 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN RECEPTION

Municipal Building, Council Meeting Room. Public is invited.

8-11pm JOHNNY SEATON AND BAD BEHAVIOR

Stage. Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior wow audiences with their performance of the music of Elvis Presley. Sponsored by Greenbelt Auto and Truck Repair



Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior

Opening Ceremonies Featured Vocalist

Musician 1st Class Bill Edwards earned a Bachelor of Music from the State University of New York in Geneseo, where he received the Judi M. Houston Memorial Scholarship in Musical Theatre. He has taken first place in both the district and regional National Association of Teachers of Singing competitions. Before joining the Navy, Edwards was a featured vocalist at the Tokyo Disney Resort and performed in numerous regional theater productions,



including

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Evita, and Big River.

Saturday, Sept. 3

9am- GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION

9:30pm See Friday 9am entry for description.

9:30- CHILDREN'S PET SHOW

10:30am Community Center Lawn. All kinds, types, sizes of pets. Bring your pet to register at 9:30am. Judging at 10am. Awards at 10:30am. Greenbelt's greatest pets get some well-deserved attention. Rain or Shine!

Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop #2799 of Greenbelt

10am INFORMATION DAY & COMMUNITY EXHIBITS

-4pm Roosevelt Center. Visit the information and display tables set up by local groups and learn about your community! Participating groups listed in box below.

10:30am BOOTHS

-10pm See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

11am- CARNIVAL

10pm See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

10am GREENBELT MUSEUM WALKING TOUR

10-B Crescent Rd. Join the Greenbelt Museum for a history-filled walking tour. The tour will leave from the museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. Learn about Greenbelt's unique design and why the community is a National Historic Landmark. The tour is free but space is limited.

Noon- COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

1:30pm Stage. Community Drum Circle with Katy Gaughan. Katy has led the drum circle at Greenbelt's 4th of July Fanfare at Buddy Attick Park for the past 8 years and is one of the organizers of the Greenbelt Rhythm & Drum Festival.

1-5pm FAMILY-FRIENDLY CARTOONS

Old Greenbelt Theatre. Beat the heat by taking a break from the festival fun in the cool, air-conditioned comfort of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Dip in and out, and stay as little or as long as you like! FREE.

Sponsored by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association

1-6pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW

Community Center. See displays of art and photographs by local artists of all ages. See page 7.

2-4pm ROLLER SKATING

Youth Center Gym. Grab your skates and save the date! Join family and friends to participate in a storied Greenbelt tradition. Roller skates are provided FREE of charge or bring your own.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department and M-NCPPC

2-4:30pm FAST EDDIE AND THE SLOWPOKES

Stage. The Slowpokes' playlist is inspired by classic blues material from Chicago to West Coast Swing, Motown to Muscle Shoals, and all the rock 'n' roll in between. Their goal is to get you up on your feet, and they never miss their target!

Sponsored by National Cooperative Bank

3-11pm FACE PAINTING FUNDRAISER

Various locations throughout the festival.

4&6pm MEMORIAL GATHERING

Grassy area behind Mother and Child statue. Come to honor those friends and relatives who have passed before us. There will be a motorcycle ride at 4pm, followed by a memorial gathering at 6pm. Please feel free to bring flowers to lay on the hill during the memorial service.

5-7:30pm PATTY REESE

Stage. Patty Reese's soulful expression and powerhouse pipes have prompted comparisons with the likes of Janis Joplin, Aretha Franklin and Bob Dylan.

8-11pm THE "ORIGINAL" MOONLIGHTERS

Stage. Known as DC's #1 Motown and variety dance band, the "Original" Moonlighters perform a mix of jazz, rhythm and blues, 1940s big-band swing standards, 1950s rock 'n' roll and a whole lot more.

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Information Day and Community Exhibits

- Astronomical Society of Greenbelt
- College Savings Plans of Maryland
- Companion Animal Community of GHI
 - District 36 Toastmaster
- Eleanor Roosevelt Junior Classical League
 - Fort Lincoln Dignity Memorial
- Greenbelt Advocates for Environmental and Social Justice
 - Greenbelt Community Church
 - Greenbelt Community Foundation
 - Greenbelt Emergency Response Team
 - Greenbelt Federal Credit Union
- Greenbelt News Review • Greenbelt Toastmasters
 - Hair Cuttery • Hope Family Childcare
 - Johrei Fellowship • KitchenSaver
- Margaret Stricklett Vocal Studio • Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc.
 - Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
- Narcotics Anonymous • NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland
 - Patuxent Widowed Persons Service
- Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George's County
- Prince George's Advocates for Community-Based Transit (PG-ACT)
- Prince George's Audubon Society • Prince George's Philharmonic
 - QCI Behavioral Health • Register of Wills
 - Renewal by Andersen • Solar City
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 - Window Nation
- 40 Days For Life/College Park



The "Original" Moonlighters

Sunday, Sept. 4

9am- GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION

8:30pm See Friday 9am entry for description.

9- "TOUR DE GREENBELT" BIKE RIDE

10:45am New Deal Cafe. All are welcome to join Laurie from Proteus Bicycles on a bike ride around Greenbelt. The ride will take place in two stages, both starting and ending at the New Deal Cafe. The first stage will leave at 9am and go to the new Greenbelt Station neighborhood. The second stage will leave at 10am and go to Schrom Hills Park. Note, this is not a supported ride and, because of busy roadways, may not be suitable for families with very young children. For more details about the routes, see the schedule at greenbeltlaborday.com.

11am- FACE PAINTING FUNDRAISER

11pm Various locations throughout the festival.

Noon- CRAFT FAIR

8pm Roosevelt Center. Visit with local artists as they display their handmade crafts. See box below for list of crafts.

Noon- CARNIVAL AND BOOTHS

10pm See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

Noon- SPLIT 2ND

2pm Stage. While primarily a classic rock band, these veteran musicians cover all your favorite tunes from the '60s to today's music, from Motown to country and stretching across a variety of popular musical genres.

Noon- YOUTH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT (SINGLES ONLY)

2pm Youth Center Gym. Open to anyone 15 years & younger. Registration from 11:30am-noon. Trophies to winner and runner-up. See "Open Division" Table Tennis Tournament entry at 5pm Friday.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department



Split 2nd

Craft Fair

Visit with local artists as they display their handmade crafts.

Many items including bags, baskets, bath and body products, decorative soaps, fabric arts, greeting cards, henna designs and art work, jewelry, knitwear, pens, pillows, sand art, scarves, scents, shea butter products, tie dye, totes, T-shirts, weaving, dolls, pottery and woodcrafts.

Roosevelt Center: Sunday, noon-8pm, and Monday, noon-6pm



1-5pm GREENBELT MUSEUM HOUSE

10-B Crescent Rd. The Greenbelt Museum's historic home has been restored and furnished with objects from the period 1937-1952. See how Greenbelt's families lived back then. Also have a sneak peek at 10-A Crescent, and give us your input on the space which will become a visitor and education center. FREE.

1-6pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW

Community Center. See entry at 1pm Saturday.

2-4pm HOT SHOT HOOPS

Youth Center Gym. Ages 12 & under. Registration at 2pm; tournament begins at 2:30pm. Participants have two minutes to make as many shots as they can within a half-court area. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner-up. *Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department*

2:30- TRIO CALIENTE

4pm Stage. With vocals in Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan and English set to a wide array of Latin grooves, Trio Caliente's sound is reminiscent of the Gipsy Kings, Buena Vista Social Club, Strunz & Farah, and Jobim—but with a flavor all their own.

3-5pm FAMILY-FRIENDLY CARTOONS

Old Greenbelt Theatre. See Saturday 1pm entry for description. *Sponsored by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association*

4:15- TWO BALL TOURNAMENT (TEAMS OF 2)

5:15pm Youth Center Gym. Ages 13 & over. Registration at 3:45pm; tournament begins at 4:15pm. Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department

4:30- RISING STARS PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

7:30pm Stage. Performers age 17 years or younger will have the chance to display their talent, whether it be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument or other.

5pm LARRY NOEL 15K RACE

5:10pm 3K FUN RUN

The DC Road Runners Club is conducting its annual Larry Noël Greenbelt 15K Race and 3K Fun Run. As in past years, the 15K race will start on Northway at 5pm, and the 3K Fun Run will start near the Youth Center at 5:10pm.

Sponsored by DC Road Runners

8-11pm THE 8-BALLS

Stage. A classic rock/Motown cover band, the 8-Balls have performed for audiences all over the Baltimore/DC area.



The 8-Balls

Monday, Sept. 5

9am- 5:30pm GREENBELT MUSEUM EXHIBITION
See Friday 9am entry for description.

10am- Noon 61st ANNUAL GREENBELT LABOR DAY PARADE
A special feature of this year's parade will be the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. And as usual, the parade will entertain you with a variety of groups, demonstrating our community spirit and accentuating our city's diverse cultural background. There will be bands, fire trucks, color guard, numerous community organizations and more. The Grand Marshal is Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Parade Route: Down Crescent Rd. from Greenhill to Southway. Parade is marshaled by the Prince George's County Emergency Radio Association (PGCERA) with assistance from the Prince George's County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PG-ARES) and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society.

11am- 6pm CARNIVAL AND BOOTHS
See Carnival Midway entry at 6pm Friday.

11:30am- 1pm TOURS OF THE GREENBELT MUSEUM
10-B Crescent Rd. Immediately following the parade, come by the Museum house for a quick tour. The Greenbelt Museum's historic home has been restored and furnished with objects from the period 1937-1952. Also have a sneak peek at 10-A Crescent, and give us your input on the space which will become a visitor and education center. FREE.



The Nowhere Men

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee
would like to thank the
Eleanor Roosevelt High School
National Honor Society members
who have volunteered their time
at this year's Festival.

Noon- 2pm LUNCHEON ON THE LAWN
Greenbelt Community Church, Corner of Hillside and Crescent Rd. After parade. Barbeque sandwich or hot dog, baked beans, slaw, chips, drink and dessert for one reasonable price.

Noon- 6pm CRAFT FAIR
See Sunday Noon entry for description.

Noon- 6pm FACE PAINTING FUNDRAISER
Various locations throughout the festival.

12:30- 1:30pm AWARD PRESENTATIONS
Stage. Presentation of awards for the Art Show, Photo Show, Best Entry in each parade category and Best in Parade.

1-3pm BRIGADOON - OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
In this 1954 musical starring Gene Kelly and Cyd Charisse, two American tourists stumble upon Brigadoon, a mysterious Scottish village which appears for only one day every one hundred years. FREE.
Sponsored by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association

1-3pm YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT (TEAMS OF 2)
Youth Center. Can you find them all? Team up with a friend and see if you can find all Greenbelt has to offer. Ages 15 & under. Registration begins at 12:45pm in front of the Youth Center entrance. Trophies will be awarded to winners and runners-up.
Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department

1-4pm ART SHOW AND PHOTO SHOW
Community Center. See entry at 1pm Saturday. Awards will be presented on stage from 12:30-1:30pm. Exhibitors pick up their items at 4pm.

1-4pm ART EXHIBITION
Community Center Art Gallery, Room 112.
Sponsored by Greenbelt Recreation Department

2-6pm THE NOWHERE MEN
Stage. Like to dance? Love that Motown sound, the great horn bands of the '60s and '70s and hits from artists like Earth, Wind & Fire; the Four Tops; Chicago; Stevie Wonder; The Temptations; Blood, Sweat and Tears; Tower of Power and much more: Then you will love The Nowhere Men. *Sponsored by Cindi Scafide, State Farm agent*

3-7pm GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY PICNIC
After enjoying Labor Day Festival activities in Roosevelt Center, have fun at the American Legion Labor Day Family Picnic. Fun events will include children's and adult activities: moon bounce, balloon animals, face painting, sack races, horseshoe tournament. Food choices will include hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, roast beef, potato salad, slaw, soft drinks and beer.



The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival offers a unique opportunity for local residents to display their talents and creativity.

Art Show

Community Center. Pre-registration for the art show is not required; bring your artwork to the Community Center between 5-7pm on Thursday, 10am-Noon or 5-7pm on Friday.

Participating children must live or go to school in Greenbelt or have a parent or grandparent who lives or works in Greenbelt. Participating adult artists must be from Greenbelt or the surrounding communities.

Adult artists are limited to four entries, and children and teens are limited to three entries. Adult two-dimensional art work must be framed for hanging. Children's art can be matted or mounted. Adult artists must volunteer to help with hanging the artwork Friday evening or sit with the show for one hour during the Festival.

Viewing will be Saturday and Sunday 1-6 pm. Awards will be presented on the stage Monday at 12:30pm. Viewing will take place Monday 1-4pm, except during the award ceremony, and pick-up will run from 4-5pm. The committee is not responsible for unclaimed work.

For information see: www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/art-show/ or contact Tom Baker at tombakercreate@gmail.com.

Sponsored by Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA)

Categories:

ADULT

- Oil and Acrylic Painting
- Watercolor Painting
- Drawing
- Graphics/Mixed Media/ 2 Dimensional
- Fine Crafts
- Sculpture/Mixed Media/ 3 Dimensional

CHILDREN

- Pre-School to age 6
- Ages 7 to 10 years
- Ages 11 to 14 years
- Ages 15 to 18 years
- Painting
- Drawing/Prints/Collages
- Sculpture/3 Dimensional



The **Cipriano Award** is given each year to one adult winner and one child for art depicting "Americans at Work."

Photo Show

Community Center. Pre-registration for the photo show is not required; bring up to two photos per person and a completed registration form to the Community Center between 5-7pm on Thursday or Friday. Outside of frame must be less than 16" by 20" and be ready to hang. Viewing will be Saturday and Sunday 1-6pm, Monday 1-4pm, except during the award ceremony. Visitors can vote for their "Community Favorites" on Saturday and Sunday. All winning photos will have ribbons displayed on photos on Saturday and announced on stage Monday at 12:30pm. Pick-up will run from 4-5pm on Monday. For information see www.greenbeltlaborday.com/events-and-activities/photo-show/ or contact Keith Zevallos at 240-355-2908.

Categories:

- Proud America
- Extreme Weather
- Those Who Serve and Protect Us
- Greener Living in Greenbelt
- My Greenbelt/Greenbelt Memories
- Produced in Greenbelt Darkroom
- Landscapes – Sunrise/Sunset
- Landscapes – All Other
- People – Photos of Children
- People – Photos of Adults & Families
- Flowers • Wild Animals and Nature
- Pets • Travel • Buildings & Architecture
- Still Life/Pictorial/Abstract



In Memory of Barbara Simon



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

This year's Art Show will be in memory of Barbara Simon, longtime arts activist, who had chaired the Art Show since 1991.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival extends its appreciation to our sponsors who have helped make the 62nd Labor Day Festival one of the best ever!

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**Shuttle buses will pick up and drop off Festival goers
approximately every 30 minutes:**

Route:

Greenbelt Elementary School, Green Ridge House
(residents only), Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Friday 6pm to 11pm; Saturday 10:30am to 11pm
Sunday Noon to 11pm; Monday 1pm to 6pm

Parking also available at Greenbelt Armory but no shuttle pickup. Armory parkers will walk 0.4 mile to the Festival.



At the Festival, the shuttles will depart from in front of the city offices and from Roosevelt Center. During the parade, the shuttles will depart from the Festival grounds and return parade participants to Buddy Attick Park.